D.D. Masonic Temple

Volume III.
....Number 6.

JUNE, 1895.

THE FREEMASON AND THE FEZ

In the interests of Freemasonry and the Mystic Shrine in North America.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER,
EDITOR.

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR.
PUBLISHED BY
THE MASONIC PUBLISHING CO.
38 FIRST AVENUE,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

THE

National Masonic Accident Association.

HOME OFFICE, DES MOINES IOWA.

Incorporated under Iowa Laws, composed of Masons only

IT PAYS

$5,000 in case of accidental death.
$25 per week for 52 weeks indemnity for loss of time.
Also benefit for loss of sight of one or both eyes, or
Loss of both hands or feet, and costs

ONLY $12 A YEAR,
PAYABLE $3 QUARTERLY.

If you are not a member, join. Write the Home office for information if there is no agent in your vicinity.

J. A. DOVERMAN, Sec'y,
Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.

OFFICERS.

O. B. AYRES, President, ALF. WINGATE, Vice-Pres. and Treas. C. H. MYRICK, General Agent. J. A. DOVERMAN, Secretary.

.... DIRECTORS ....

O. B. AYRES, GEO. B. VAN SAUN, C. W. FRACKER, CLARK VARNUM, R. L. CLARKE, C. H. MYRICK, CHAS. T. GRANGER, ALF. WINGATE, J. A. DOVERMAN.

The FREEMASON

In the Interest of Freemasonry.

VOLUME III. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JUNE, 1895. NUMBER 6.

MRS. MARIA JACKSON,
GRAND SECRETARY—O. E. S. OF IOWA.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

GRAND LODGE.

This great annual gathering of the brothers of the Mystic Tie is always an event of intense interest; for the friendly and brotherly greetings exchanged in and about the place of meeting is when once enjoyed, never again easily or lightly laid aside. The city of Marshalltown was from May 31st until June 7th, thronged with craftsmen going and coming like those who came up with work for inspection. It was by all odds the most enjoyable communication we have ever attended. From the first sound of the gavel in the Grand East until the newly installed successor of that Grand Master of two years past, whom we have all known to love, proclaimed the Grand Lodge closed in ample form, not a jar occured to mar the peace and harmony that should always prevail. We congratulate the Lodges of Iowa upon the character of their representatives who were there—the wise old men with whom in safe proportion were mingled the younger brethren, made it a sight goodly to look upon. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless the twenty-six thousand Master Masons of Iowa, during the coming year, as He has in the past.

GRAND LODGE SCHOOL.

As the custom is, the Grand Custodians held the usual Grand Lodge School on Friday, Saturday and Monday, preceding the Grand Lodge Communication. The Masonic Temple of Marshalltown is admirably adapted to the work of the various bodies and here is where school was kept. The attendance was fully up to any preceding year if not greater; more Lodges were represented. This is a good sign and shows growing interest in the subject of instruction in the work.

On Monday evening the local Lodge, Marshall 108, raised a brother Fellowcraft to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason. The elaboration of the ceremonies was quite dramatic and extensive, the twelve were clothed in the symbolic blue and white that to this day is compulsory, in the turban, among Jewish residents, in the Turkish dominions. The three, were evidently prepared by careful conference for the work they carried out. A feature of the evening was the singing of an ode, to the tune, "Nearer My God to Thee," which was arranged by Bro. R. R. Woodring, of Carroll, Iowa. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Shaw, announced that the *extra* renditions were not intended to contravene the authoritative rendering of the ritual; and that in such parts as seemed to conflict, hereafter would be fully conformed to ancient usages.

The hospitality of the goodly city of Marshalltown, was taxed to its utmost capacity; but with their characteristic spirit, the boys opened homes and hearts and took us all in. We will not soon forget the courtesies and forethought of the town we always knew had its heart in the right place.

GRAND LODGE.

This largest Masonic body of Iowa, opened its fifty-second annual Grand Communication, in the Odean Grand Opera House, Marshalltown, Iowa, on Tuesday morning, June 4th, 1895. The resident Commandery of Knights Templar, headed by a band of music, escorted the Grand Officers and delegates from their headquarters at the Tremont House, at 9:00 a. m., to the hall of assembly, where the Grand Master Hon. and M. W., L. E. Fellows, opened the Grand Lodge of Iowa in ample form. Prayer was offered by Past Grand Chaplain, Geiger.

Looking over the assembled Masonic hosts as they are seated in the comfortable Opera House, we are impressrd with the evidences of the due admixture of age and youth, that has always characterized this Grand body. No man and Mason, need feel ashamed to be taken for one of this splendid and intelligent company of Craftsmen, who are here to represent the best interests of twenty-six thousand Master Masons in Iowa.

We shall now endeavor to get the material points of intesest and the results of legislation for the benefit of our readers.

GRAND LODGE BUSINESS.—TUESDAY A. M.

The usual formal roll call was made and the necessary quorum found to be present.

The Grand Master read his annual address, which was quite brief, covering the usual general questions. He pointed out the great work of Iowa Masonary in Iowa. The failure to publish the semi-centennial program as carried out at Cedar Rapids last year, was explained as owing to the scarcity of funds available therefor. The corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Stuart and of the Soldiers and Sailor's Monument at Des Moines, were laid the past year. The eloquent words of the Grand Master upon the latter event deserves a place among the notable utterances of this age. Here they are:

"The occasion was a most notable one. A great commonwealth paying a just and deserved tribute of honor to her citizen soldiery, living and dead. The state was grandly represented by the officials of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the government, while many thousands of private citizens by their presence proudly represented the great untitled masses of the people. The post of greatest honor was, by a spontaneous and universal sentiment, awarded to the veterans who, in their organized capacity as a Grand Army of the Republic, were there to accept and receive on behalf of the living, and in precious memory of the dead of their comrades in arms, this tribute of a grateful and patriotic people. To that organization, and its distinguished commander, was gladly yielded the right to lead and command the great parade, and as cheerfully was granted by all to the Grand Lodge of Iowa the exclusive control of the ceremony of depositing in its proper place the corner-stone of the monument there to be erected.

Here civil authority, military power, and organized fraternity, each distinct in representation, but as a whole exemplifying the grand idea of true, courageous, and patriotic citizenship, was ready to give a heartfelt response to the thrilling words of the Commander of the G. A. R., George A. Newman."

Halls were dedicated at Kingsley, Mason City and Washington and all were declared to be substantial monuments of Masonic thrift and progress.

NEW LODGES.

I have granted dispensations during the year to five new lodges, viz.:

Abner Lodge, Lone Tree, Johnson county, June 14th, 1894.

Welcome Lodge, Patterson, Clay county, June 26th, 1894.

Floyd Lodge, Alton, Sioux county, July 16th, 1894.

Viona Lodge, Renwick, Humboldt county, December 22d, 1894.

Cypress Lodge, Orient, Adair county, January 30th, 1895.

Petitions are pending for several more lodges, but the preliminary work was not completed until too late to issue dispensations, and all the papers will be delivered to my successor for action.

CHARTERED LODGES.

The work throughout the jurisdiction in the subordinate lodges has been active, and indicates a good degree of prosperity. The statistics in 1894, indicated the net increase for the previous year to be greater than the aggregate gain of the four preceding years, and this year shows a gain of one hundred and thirteen over last year. The figures are as follows:

Number initiated	1,632
Number passed	1,588
Number raised	1,606
Number admitted	875
Number reinstated	192
Total increase for the year	2,673

DECREASE.

Number dimitted	760
Number died	264
Number suspended for unmasonic conduct	12
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	558
Number dropped from rolls	4
Number expelled	24
Total decrease during year	1,622
Leaving net gain	1,051
Total membership	26,103

The committee on chartered lodges deserves compliment for being able (for the first time in fifty years) to report that the returns of all lodges have been examined and every error corrected. Brother Thos. Lambert (of No. 109) deserves praise for his fervancy and zeal in this work.

CONCLUSION.

The time has nearly arrived when the trust committed to my care by the Grand Lodge, in electing me to its highest official position, is to be surrendered to you and assigned to another. I cannot yield this position of honor and responsibility without expressing my profound acknowledgment to the members of the fraternity with whom I have had official and personal relations for the uniformly kind, courteous and brotherly treatment I have received from all. In all the communications, oral or written, I have received from the brethren touching the subject of Masonry and the workings of the lodges, I can recall no unkind or discourteous expression. In a like spirit, so far as within my power, I have endeavored to perform every duty in such manner as to preserve the integrity of our time-honored principles and promote the welfare and harmony of the craft. As Masonry is a progressive science, so I believe Masons should be progressive men. To truly exemplify in our daily lives the principles we profess requires us to be broad-minded, industrious, intelligent, and generous. In an organized capacity we should be economical, but we cannot afford to be parsimonious. We should endeavor to be fully abreast with the times, and ours should be in the front rank among the Grand Jurisdictions. For Masonry in Iowa the future is full of promise. During the two years I have served you in my present capacity there has been scarcely a ripple to disturb the peace and harmony which has prevailed. No occasion has arisen to suspend a charter, discipline a lodge, or issue an edict. To have had the opportunity to occupy this position under such favorable circumstances, to become acquainted with so many of the brethren and co-operate with them in this good work, I esteem as a very great privilege, and now look forward with most pleasant anticipations to the time when I shall resume my position in the ranks to labor in an unofficial capacity as best I may with you to whom I owe so much, in so shaping the policy, building up and extending the influence of our beloved institution as shall enable us all to realize the full fruition of our brightest hopes.

The address was distributed together with other reports in printed form.

The Grand Secretary presented his report, which included Librarian, Grand Treasurer's and Grand Master's financial reports.

Total cash receipts of Grand Treasurer, including amount from former Grand Treasurer, $43,608.60.

Disbursement, $20,853.47

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund made their report:

FUNDS RECEIVED.

Permanent fund	$1,196.95
Temporary fund	1,000.00
Total	2,196.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total to ten recipiants	$505.00
Expenses	101,30
Cash on hand to balance	393.70

The recommendation for continuous relief for this year was for eight persons and amounting to $1,230.00.

The sum of $1,279.89 disbursed under this class of recipiants the past year was from funds previously on hand.

The report of the committee on correspondence was presented by Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, a printed pamphlet of 134 pages of closely printed matter, with the request that all should read it.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer was offered by Past Grand Chaplain Rev. J. W. Kynett.

The Senior Grand Warden read the report of the Trustees, covering their doings for the past year and it was adopted.

The committee on Grand Master's address reported.

They recommended an appropriation for the publication of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary exercises of last year. [Referred to a committee, and adversely reported on, so that there will be no publication.]

They recommended the appointment of one, with an alternate to report upon the Washington Memorial, annually, without expense to this Grand Lodge.—Adopted.

The Grand Secretary read an invitation from the *Metropole* Club to visit their quarters, and it was accepted with thanks.

The committee on finance reported (partial) covering points referred under the law.

They found all the reports as printed and circulated correct.

They reported all the expenses incurred by use of gas for the ladies Federated Clubs, papering and other expenses, paid by outside parties and not a cent coming from our Grand Lodge treasury.

The committee on chartered lodges reported, showing a wonderful improvement in the returns from the lodges. The changes in the method of doing their work have worked great advantage. By this heroic work unbroken returns have been received for the first time in fifty years.

A remarkable find, was upward of fifty ministers, whose dues were remitted on account of their profession, and because they were in "active practice"—and the committee sensibly recommended to the local brotherhood the raising of the salary of these "practitioners" and the payment of their dues [the mode of remission being through another and well defined method.]

The report was adopted by a rising vote. Bro. Lambert of Sabula, deserves great honor for his work on this committee.

A supplementary report was presented by Bro. Miller of the same committee on the "Schedule of Questions." They urged that attention should be paid to reporting by the representatives of lodges, when they return from Grand Lodge. The reading of portions of the proceedings, and other exercises that would arouse a greater interest among the lodges and members. The welcoming of visiting brothers was emphasized. The holding of regular meetings, reviewing the code, practice on work, school work, etc., etc., was brought out; in short it was a valuable report, well worthy of being compiled into a tract and circulated. It was enacted that it be adopted, and printed in special form for circulation, ten copies to each lodge.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Secretary who had been in his office for over fifty years, would introduce a brother who has been a Mason fifty years today—Brother Mills of Grundy Center then arose and was greeted with great applause.

TUESDAY EVENING.

No feature of the Grand Lodge meeting, aside, was more genuinely enjoyable than the Masonic Reception held at the Methodist church. Here is the program:

Song of Greeting, Oskaloosa Quartette.
Introduction of the Grand Master.
Tender of the Odeon to the Grand Lodge.
Acceptance of same by Grand Master.
Song, Oskaloosa Quartette.
Address of Welcome to Grand Lodge, Bro. F. W. Parsons.
Song of Welcome, Young Ladies' Quartette. (Misses Crabtree, Shaw, Smith and Hall.)
Response, Grand Master L. E. Fellows.
Solo, Miss Crabtree.
Recitation, Mamie Gilchrist.
Piano Solo, Mrs. McBride.
Song, Ladies' Quartette.
Recitation, Mrs. Lillian Norton.
Solo, Miss Sibyl Smith.
Address, Bro. J. W. Geiger.
Farewell Song, Oskaloosa Quartette.

Aside from personal services, we want to compliment the whole outfit as the most interesting and impressive of its kind. We commend it to the notice of our Boone friends for next year to fill Tuesday evening in some like manner. Fully fifteen hundred people sat through to the end. We covet Dr. Ward's beautiful church for it is a gem.

Ice cream and cake was served by the young people of the Epworth League afterward, then we went home to sleep at Archie Coxe's house (the Tremont) and dream of the whole program, our cane seated chair included. We're in due form now,—checkered pavement—See?

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The opening of the session this morning was enlivened by the singing of "America" under the leadership of W. Bro. Dr. C. H. Cogswell, of Cedar Rapids.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Geo. Vanhouten.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee on resolutions on the death of Mrs. N. R. Parvin and Bro. C. W. Eaton as follows: C. C. Clark, 318; M. Beehler, 165; Martin Evans, 25.

Bro. P. G. M. Jno. Scott, presented a memorial from a brother who claimed to have been wronged. Referred.

The report of the committee on Library was read and adopted.

The committee on Lodges U. D. reported.

Recommendations were made to grant charters to all the lodges under dispensation as reported in the Grand Master's address.

The committee on Appeal and Grievances reported in part. Adopted.

The committee on Jurisprudence recommended against granting relief to Lodge No. 203 and the report was adopted.

Bro. Geo. Vanhouten addressed the Grand Lodge stating that he had brought from the quarries of King Solomon an ashlar on which he had the rebate, called the "Jewish Bevel" chisseled. The Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to reply and accept the ashlar for the Grand Lodge with thanks, which he did.

Bro. Parvin also moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Bro. H. C. Garrett, for a gavel in use in Des Moines Lodge No. 1, in 1840.

It was reported that 420 lodges were represented and 550 names on the roll.

A letter from Past Grand Treasurer Dr. Chase, now of Denver was read and filed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The order of the day being the election of officers. The following were elected:

Grand Master—Geo. W. Ball, [4] of Iowa City. Ballot, 823. out of a total of 1270.

Senior Grand Warden—W. S. Gardner [100] of Clinton. Ballot, 736. Total vote 1230.

Junior Grand Warden—W. L. Ehlers, [474] of Correctionville; on second ballot, 733. Total vote 1220.

Grand Treasurer—N. T. Blackburn, [110] of Des Moines. Ballot, 982. Total vote 1187.

Grand Secretary—Theodore Sutton Parvin, [2] of Cedar Rapids. Ballot, 900. Total vote 1162.

SHOOTING LACHINE RAPIDS IN A CANOE
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Grand Custodian for the term of six years, to succeed W. P. Allen whose time has expired. He was by unanimous consent elected by *vive voce* to succeed himself.

INTER ELECTION BUSINESS.

During the progress of election, the following business was transacted:

A case was referred from the Committee on Jurisprudence to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, covering a question of jurisdiction.

A brother of 461 was excused after 4:00 P. M.

The action of Equity Lodge 131, in reinstating an expelled member, was approved.

It was decided that a lodge at a funeral, or at a corner stone laying, is at labor.

Rev. T. S. O. Adams, of No. 10, related the circumstances of a moot lodge held on ship board, over which he presided while abroad, called to administer to the wants of a brother in distress. He also presented to the Library, a copy in full of the English work, received as a personal compliment while in England. It was accepted by a rising vote.

The Grand Secretary announced that the Grand Lodge of New York, is now in session and the Grand Master was requested to telegraph greetings.

The Committee on Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Emma M. Parvin, and Bro. C. W. Eaton, reported in touching and tender words, couched in wise and brotherly language; the report was adopted by a rising unanimous vote.

The Grand Tyler came to the platform and presented the Grand Master elect with

a beautiful apron, bearing the insignia of his office, and the word "Iowa," in gilt lettering.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, reported on the amendment of our demit law —recommended against the amendment— laid over till to-morrow.

Common appeals and grievances, reported on the memorial presented by John Scott, for J. G. Graves, from (263) Cedar Rapids, laid on the table.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The boys from the Eldora Reform School, gave an entertainment, in the Odeon at which standing room was hard to get and we were among those who failed to get even that. The band serenaded the Headquarters earlier in the evening and did finely too.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 9:00 o'clock.

The Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, announced that the passenger Association has refused to recognize certificates of fares paid outside May 29, June 3 and 4, shutting out all who no matter how urgent or imperitive the necessity, could not step up and buy tickets on the technical dates set by his nibs. We have no personal kick coming or going to make, but, good business sense is, absent somewhere when such immaterial, yet exasperating impediments are imposed year after year. Iowa Masons don't like it and we don't blame them.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, after immaterial corrections.

The place for holding the next annual communications, was taken up and the following nominated:

Cedar Rapids and Boone.

Boone, was selected as the place.

THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported fully: 263 against G. W. Bailey. No appeal; expulsion affirmed.

63 vs. Lusk, expelled; deemed too severe a penalty; recommended reduction to suspension, otherwise affirmed.

495 vs. Wilkinson, expulsion, irregularly tried; remanded for a new trial.

218 vs. E. H. Bryant, suspended, appealed, reversed, and accused fully restored.

452 vs. W. J. Detwelder, expelled. No appeal; trial irregular; remanded for new trial.

59 vs. H. K. Stall, expelled, appealed, affirmed.

449 vs. W. S. Mishand, expelled, appealed, reversed and accused fully restored.

79 vs. C. H. Comstock, expelled, appealed. This is a remanded case for retrial, now returned, and it was remanded for another trial.

All of the report except the case of Mt. Hermon, 263 vs. Bailey, was adopted, and this too, after discussion was affirmed.

The Chairman of Transportation Committee announced, that the certificates at first rejected, would be accepted. That's all right.

Committee on Finance, reported recommending appropriations for various purposes.

$131.30 for expenses in organization of Grand Charity Trustees.

$75.00 for further contingent expenses.

$500.00 from Grand Lodge Funds to Charity Fund.

Further report on heating arrangements; advised refusal and report adopted.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Total Mileage, - - -	$ 2,586.40.
Per diem, - -	2,526.00.
Offices, - - -	181.51.
Committees, - - -	522.14.
Custodians, - - -	171.28.
	$5,987.33.

Average to each Lodge, $14.50.

Finance Committee further reports Appropriations:

Grand Master, - -	$ 600.00.
Grand Secretary, -	2,000.00.
Grand Treasurer, - -	250.00.
Vis. Custodian, -	1,200.00.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Contingent Grand Master,	300.00
Contingent Grand Secretary, -	600.00
Deputy Grand Secretary, -	1,200.00
Report Foreign Correspondence,	200.00
Expenses Sessional Grand Tyler,	89.75
Printing Proceedings, (95)	1,700.00
Title Pages Index, &c, -	100.00
Postage and Special Proceedings,	300.00
Use of Grand Librarian, -	300.00
Stenographer, - -	500.00
Sessional Expenses Grand Lodge,	80.88
Secretary Board Custodians,	35.75
Transfer (10 per cent;) to Charity Fund, - - -	2,032.82
Added to Permanent Fund,	500.00
Expenses Library Building, 8½ cents P. C., - -	2,218.84
Expenses Board of Trustees, (Barr)	13.46

The report was adopted.

Committee on Jurisprudence reported further—Lodge 223 vs. 502.

A jurisdictional question—Lodge means the building where meetings are held; measurement is to be made from here. The above Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction.

Regarding failure to insure and permission to ask aid, law is plain.

One suspended for N. P. D., ten or more years after, moves elsewhere and visits. Is it a Masonic offense? Who must bring charges if it be so?

Ans —(1) Yes; (2) Lodge within whose jurisdiction he is residing, and in this case the Lodge visited. See the law.

Report adopted.

Committee on Chartered Lodges reported.

351—We recommend remission of dues.

C. H. Demis, (168 Pro. '94) requested that the fee be reduced to $5.00.

R. P. Bartley, in arrears, applied for reinstatement and remission of past dues—recommend re-instatement; but no remission of one-half of $39.00 owing for dues.

507—Brother Roman—arrears over $30. Brother Cornwell owed 21.35. Re-instatement granted, but no remission of dues to Local Lodge.

An appropriation of $50.00 was recommended to 507 for charity.

Report adopted.

On motion the J. G. W., (95) was ordered to prepare and present charges against G. M. Van Luven, a member of this body and on the roll of No. 214.

The proposed repeal of our present demit law, layed over one day under the law, came up and by vote it was decided to continue the present law.

The subject of applications for Charity from Lodges, brought out the proposition to bar all Lodges whose aggregate dues are at least $2.50 for the year, in which aid is asked. The rule applies to members in good standing and subject to pay dues, and it is exclusive of Grand Lodge dues. It carried.

It being near high twelve, the Grand Master ordered the craft to continue at labor until all work was done.

The officers were installed. The following are the

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Deputy Grand Master W. B. Wyman, of Shelden; Deputy Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids; Grand Chaplain Rev. James Edmondson, L.L.D., Ph. D., Marshalltown; Grand Senior Deacon O. P. Worsley, Red Oak; Grand Junior Deacon J. H. Cable, Danville; Senior Steward G. W. Lipe, Council Bluffs; Junior Steward J. H. Valentine, of Mason City; Grand Marshal O. W. Treman, Newton; Grand Tyler, Theodore Schreiner.

Past Grand Master R. G. Phelps, was called to the East, and installed the Grand Officers.

Resolutions of thanks, (usual form) were adopted.

The Grand Master (G. W. B.) appointed the following:

Trustee Grand Charity Fund to succeed himself, R. G. Phelps.

Committee on Jurisprudence, L. E. Fellows, L. C. Blanchard, W. L. Eaton.

On Correspondence J. C. W. Coxe, D. D.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge of Iowa was closed in ample form by our Grand Master, G. W. Ball.

By the time we had taken in a game of base ball (?) between Eldora and Marshalltown nines, a bicycle race, hand shakes and farewell greetings, it was *seven up* on Mrs. Tremonts' clock, and we followed our better half off home like a good boy.

"OUR GUESTS."

Marshalltown has not in a long time contained as fine and representative a body of men as those now in the city attending the Masonic School of Instruction and Grand Lodge. About three hundred delegates attended the former, which closed last evening, and probably eight hundred or more will represent the different Lodges of the State at the session of the Grand Lodge, which convened this morning. These delegates are not alone the representatives of the leading and oldest secret organization of the world, but they are representative business and professional men and citizens in the fullest sense of the word. Marshalltown has seldom been favored with an assemblage combining, as this one does, the best fraternal, business, social and moral elements of the state. It is a mighty force, intellectual, progressive, sturdy and effective. Though conservative in its methods, it exerts an influence that is powerful in the organized thought of the state.

Marshalltown should spare no pains to welcome and entertain this distinguished body of visitors. Impressions will be formed here of our city and its people that will last for many years. These impressions ought to be such as our citizens will be proud of and such as to create a desire among our guests to come again. The Times-Republican trusts that the Masonic brethren may enjoy to the fullest extent the fraternal function which has called them together, and above all, the hospitality and good fellowship of the people of Marshalltown.—*Times-Republican.*

GRAND LODGE NOTES.

Our Journal received a larger number of subscribers this year than at any previous Grand Lodge meeting. We thank all of them.

The Grand East, West and South will be pretty steady this year; the combined weight of the three is 700 pounds. Strength leads in weight, while wisdom and beauty balance on either side.

We shall have on hand and for sale soon, copies of Brother Woodrings arrangement of that poem, and orders may be sent to our office. Price on stiff card board, 15 cents per dozen post-paid. The Dirge will be on the other side.

While it was generally thought that some modifications of our demit law should be made, the argument that we had not yet tried the present section was well taken. Let us go slow on changes, but when well developed, let them come.

This month we naturally surrender our space in this department to the doings of the Grand Lodge, which we have tried to put in as brief form as possible; aiming to give the final action and legislation as of more interest to our readers than anything else we could give them.

The temper of the Grand Lodge is growing stronger in favor of harmonious action. If any are inclined to break this rule, let them be warned and if those who lead in favor are tempted to abuse the trust, let them take heed. Iowa Masons are for fraternity and progress.

MARION CORNER STONE.

The corner stone of the Marion Masonic Temple will be laid with Masonic ceremonies on Thursday, June 27, 1895. M. W. Grand Master Ball; R. W. Grand Secretary Parvin and other Grand Officers will be present.

An invitation has been extended to all the lodges in Linn county to participate.

Preparations are being made to have a splendid gathering of Masons on that day.

A paper in the British Museum, dated 1808, gives an account of a large gathering of Free Masons, with bands, banners and regalia, to the number of some 1200, when they proceed to a service at the parish church, 500 of them afterwards dining together at Highbury Tavern. The parade was repeated two years later, so says the London *Freemason.* Yet we are criticised for continuing this old custom in America. —*Masonic Token.*

It was our privilege to spend a pleasent evening with Mecca Lodge, No. 523, of Coggon, where a crowded house greeted us in a Masonic lecture. This young lodge is awake and moving forward. Worshipful Brother J. W. Hamilton, the Master has the hearty support of his brethren in every enterprise undertaken. We like to visit Mecca.

SPIRIT LAKE.

June 15th, Hotel Orleans at Spirit Lake will be opened for the regular summer season. Spirit Lake is one of the most popular summer resorts in the west. You will find the climate cool and delightful, the fishing and hunting excellent, and the hotel service, at the Orleans, perfect. Prof. Schmidt's famous orchestra will be in constant attendance at the Orleans. For hotel rates address

C. S. Abell, Manager,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

THE GREAT BOSTON TRIP.

The time is near at hand when arrangements must be made for this trip if you want to go.

The Official Route east from Chicago is the Grand Trunk Railway, with its numerous attractive scenes and historic places and was selected with the following itinerary:

Leaving Iowa points August 21 so as to leave Chicago via the Chicago and Grand Trunk, at 3 p. m., August 22, arrive at Niagara Falls 7:30 a. m., August 23. Here a halt of seven hours will be made for sightseeing. Leave at 3:30 p. m. for Toronto, where from 6 to 8 p. m. it is likely the Shriners will give a reception to the visitors.

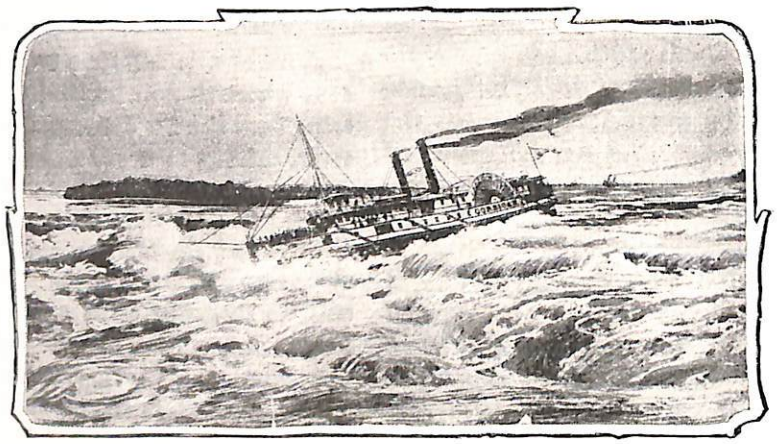
A night ride will then be made to Kingston, where those who desire can take the trip down the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, ariving at 6 p. m. A halt will be made here until 11 p. m. The next halt will be in Quebec, where, from 8 a. m., till 9 p. m., the historic sights of this ancient city can be taken in. The next stop will be made at Groveton in the White Mountains, on August 26, after which the train will run to Boston in time to get fixed in quarters before dark. The fare from Chicago for the round trip including Quebec, will be $22.00. Those who desire the boat ride on the St. Lawrence river will pay $3 additional. The expense for sleeping car privileges, which all must take who go in the special trains, will be announced later, and in the circulars soon to be issued by the undersigned to whom application should be made. Meals will usually be taken at stations enroute, with ample time, at a cost of 50 cents each. Persons desirous of information about the location of sleeping cars in Iowa, should write to Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, or for general information to E. H. Hughes, General Western Passenger Agent, C. & G. T. Ry., 103 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who want to

go with the El-Kahir Temple train which joins the Templar train at Chicago, should write to Jno. W. Geiger, Marion, Iowa. Full information will be given in the various circulars soon to be issued, and those who wish to secure the advantages of the trip should arrange with the committees at once. Watch these columns for the location of sleepers, in the July number at latest. For quarters in Boston or Nantasket write to Benj. W. Rowell, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass. As may be noted by the illustrations we shall give from time to time, the trip is going to be full of interest. Those who are looking for a trip

A. A. S. R.

The bodies of this rite in the Valley of Des Moines, held their tenth special Reunion May 21–24, 1895. We were informed that it was most successful and that Registrar George Fredrick Selleck is now entitled to write 33° after his name.

In the Valley of Chicago the Feast of the Passover was celebrated by Gourgas Chapter, Rose Croix. By the kindness of Ill. Gil. Barnard, we receive the full order of service with the addresses delivered on that occasion.



STEAMER SHOOTING LACHINE RAPIDS, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

that will bring them back by another than the original route going can ticket so as to return via the beautiful LEHIGH VALLEY ROUTE through the grandest scenery that the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York afford. Every comfort to be found on any line can be had on this one, and Mr. Hughes will arrange for those who wish it on the terms allowed for travel over more than one route going and coming. We will on application, mail Circular No. 322 in which the official route is No. 5 and the preferred diverse route for Iowans, for those who wish to return by it will be No. 20.

MAYO—STORY.

The Freemason acknowledges the receipt of the cards for the marriage of Miss Etha Lue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, to Mr. Nelson Story, Jr., of Bozeman, Mont., on Monday, June 10th, 1895. May the life of the children be as happy as that of the parents of the bride.

The request of our beloved Frater, Past Grand Commander Eaton, is to be carried out in regard to the placing of a boulder, properly marked, on the grounds at Templar Park. Sir G. W. Bever, E. O. Soule and Jno. W. Geiger have been appointed by the Grand Commander to see to the matter.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1895.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, ——— 1895.

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 5.

This order is issued by the Grand Commander as a Memorial to our Lamented Frater Sir Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton, Past Grand Commander of Iowa, and as the general contents have been embodied in the Memorial of last month in these columns we omit all except the following:

"It is hereby ordered that at the first Conclave of each Subordinate Commandery, after the receipt of this order it be read at the head of the lines. That during the reading the Sir Knights remain standing with heads uncovered; that it be spread upon the Records, and the swords of the Sir Knights be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days."

Duly Signed and Attested.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER.

WEST UNION, IOWA, May 23, 1895.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6.

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa, will be held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, commencing at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 9th, A. D. 1895.

It is the duty of each Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General to attend the Grand Conclave, and if for any reason that is impossible, to see that they are represented by a proxy. It is hoped and expected that this duty will not be neglected.

The Western R. R. Passenger Association has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, but to obtain this rate, the following conditions must be complied with, viz: Purchase a full fare ticket to Spirit Lake, and take a receipt showing that fact, from the agent selling the ticket; present this receipt to Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder, and obtain his certificate thereon; have him take one hundred or more of these receipts to Mr. J. C. Davis, R. R. Agent at Spirit Lake, and have them stamped by him. When so stamped the certificate will obtain a return rate of one-third fare. Be sure to comply with these conditions.

The apartment house contains ninety-eight rooms which are in charge of Eminent Sir F. H. Loring, Grand Captain General, Oskaloosa, Iowa, to whom all communications relating thereto should be addressed. The rate is $1.00 for each person during the Conclave. Each room will conveniently accommodate two or more, and is furnished with two spring mattress single cots, two chairs and a stand. Be sure to provide bedding, wash dish, towels, lamp, mirror, soap and such other articles as you may need. The nights are generally cool and bedding should be provided accordingly. It and the other articles can be tied in a bundle and checked to Spirit Lake as baggage. Have your mail addressed to Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Sargeant Bros., Spirit Lake, will carry passengers and baggage between Spirit Lake and the Park at a reasonable rate for baggage, and twenty-five cents each way for passengers.

The dining hall has been provided with a cold storage room, and a fine large refrigerator in the dining room. The dining hall will be in charge of Messrs. D. Wormley & Son, experienced restaurant and R. R. eating house keepers, who will furnish board at fifty cents per meal, seven dollars per week, or one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for party remaining four days, and will be prepared to serve meals on and after June 1st.

The Hotel Orleans is across the lake about one mile from the Park, and its managers have kindly favored us with a special rate for the conclave of $2.00 per day each where two occupy one room, and $2.50 per

day where one occupies a single room. The fine steamer Queen daily makes regular trips around the lake and between Templar Park and Hotel Orleans. For the Conclave a special rate on this steamer of $1.00 for the week has been given us. Persons stopping at the Orleans can be conveyed to and from the Park on the steamer.

The ladies band of Eldora, Iowa, consisting of sixteen members under the leadership of Prof. D. Hunter, will furnish music during the Conclave. The ladies are good musicians and are all wives or daughters of Knights Templar, and embrace a number of good vocalists who will furnish vocal music when desired.

Fire works will be provided each evening under the management of Right Eminent Sir E. O. Soule, Past Grand Commander.

Eminent Sir W. A. Dinwiddie, has been detailed to have charge of the drill during the Conclave.

The following program is suggested, subject to change by the Grand Commandery.

PROGRAM ANNUAL CONCLAVE 1895.

Sunday, July 7th.—3:00 P. M. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Geiger, Grand Prelate.

Monday, July 8th.—General Preparation Day. 4:00 P. M. Officers school in opening of Commandery.

Tuesday, July 9th.—8:30 A. M. K. T. drill in Asylum.

10:00 A. M.—Opening Session of Grand Commandery.

2:00 P. M. Session of Grand Commandery.

6:30 P. M. Dress Parade.

8:00 P. M. Officers Reception.

9:00 P. M. Fireworks.

Wednesday, July 10th.—8:30 A. M. K. T. Drill in Asylum.

10:00 Session of Grand Commandery.

2:00 P. M. Session of Grand Commandery.

6:30 P. M. Dress Parade.

8:00 P. M. Ladies Social.

9:00 P. M. Fireworks.

Same program for each day until the business is concluded. Public installation of officers just prior to close of the Grand Conclave. Be promptly on time.

D. W. CLEMENTS,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER—WEST UNION, Iowa, June 6, 1895.—GENERAL ORDER NO. 7.

Since issuing General Order No. 3, Eminent Sir George W. Bever, Grand Senior Warden, Cedar Rapids, has been appointed Secretary of the Triennial Committee and he, with Very Eminent Sir T. B. Lacey, Deputy Grand Commander, Council Bluffs, constitute the sub-committee.

They have selected the Grand Trunk R. R. as the official route from Chicago to Boston, via Niagara Falls, Montreal, Quebec and the White Mountains. The present R. R. fare over this route is $19.00 for the round trip Chicago to Boston and return.

It is expected to leave Chicago on August 22d, spend one day at Niagara Falls, then to Montreal, with an optional trip down the St. Lawrence river by boat at $3.00 extra for those who take it; all desiring to do so to make that fact known before leaving Chicago. Then to Quebec, the White Mountains and Boston.

For information address the sub-committee, of which Eminent Sir George W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, is the Secretary.

D. W. CLEMENTS,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST: ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Recorder.

Just as we go to press the news comes to us of the death of Grand Recorder Isaacs, of the Grand Encampment K. T., of United States, at Richmond, Va.

GRAND COMMANDERY BADGE.

IOWA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

This badge has been designed for the Triennial Committee for use for the Grand Encampment of 1895 and for future Triennial Conclaves. It will be a valuable souvenir in gilt metal with red and black enamel. These badges can be had upon application to the Grand Recorder at Templar Park, during the Grand Commandery.

GRAND COMMANDERY NOTES.

We acknowledge the honor of an invitation to attend the Semi Centennial Conclave of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of Chicago, Ill., on May 28, 1895. May Apollo continue to grow and prosper.

Sir Knights and their ladies can secure the usual liberal rates to Templar Park on all the railroads by making their desires known in time. The Boston trip is far enough off for you to need a week at Spirit Lake.

Our old Commandery, Mt. Zion, No. 49, of Harlan observed Ascension, by services at the graves of the departed fraters. Afterward the Knights and their ladies partook of refreshments in the Asylum Parlors.

We have received the intinerary of Apollo No. 1, of Chicago, going to Boston and it is a thing of beauty. The trip in that company is going to be a luxury with the lap, both large and respectable. Apollo, we greet thee.

The usual order for Sunday preceding Grand Commandery will prevail. A service will be held in the afternoon either in the Asylum or at the east portal of the dormitory. Put a bible and a hymn book in your grip for this part of the service while there.

The Trustees report Templar Park in splendid condition and the arrangements all made to entertain the visitors and members of the Grand Commandery in better shape than ever before. The new bath house will be ready and the early days of next month will find the first arrivals at the gate.

It was our privilege to join with others visiting Templars in the Ascension Services of Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids. Their Prelate Rev. Dr. Green, delivered an impressive address. A toothsome lunch was served at six; and the order of the Temple conferred at eight p. m. Past Commanders filled all the stations on this occasion, as the manner of Apollo is.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the Knights Templars and Masons Life Indemnity Company of Chicago, whose advertisement we commence with this number. This company has, through the energy of its management and the worthiness of its plan won an enviable position in its line.

THE FREEMASON AND THE FEZ.

Published Monthly

In the interest of Freemasonry and the Mystic Shrine in North America.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, K. T., 32°, EDITOR.

Entered in the postoffice at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as second class mail matter.

TERMS:—$1.00 per year. Single copies 10 cents. Subscribers failing to receive any number will please notify us by postal card at once.

DISCONTINUANCES:—Subscribers wishing this magazine stopped at the expiration of their subscription, will please notify us. otherwise we will consider it their desire to continue.

HOW TO REMIT:—Send all remittances by some safe method; receipts will be forwarded by return mail.
Address all correspondence to

DATE FOR COPY:—To insure notice in the current Number, all copy must reach the Editor by the 5th of the month at latest. Postal card notices of current news from all bodies are desired.

THE MASONIC PUBLISHING CO.,
No. 38 First Avenue, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JUNE, 1895.

OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

Perhaps there is no better known woman among the Masons of Iowa, than the one whose portrait graces our pages this month. Her activity in the Order of the Eastern Star, has brought her well merited renown, and we feel pleased to give her the place of honor at the head of this number of our Magazine.

Mrs. Jackson was born Sept. 29, 1846, in the city of York, Yorkshire, England. She was married to G. H. Jackson, March 24, 1869, and came to Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 1871. Her membership in Harmony Chapter No. 25, Council Bluffs, Iowa, began in September 1876. For five years she filled the office of Secretary, one year as Conductress, one as Associate Matron, and four as Matron. Her membership is still held there and she is now serving her third term as organist. She was one of the organizers of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 1878; being its first Associate Grand Matron, in which office she served two terms. She was elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1886; Grand Conductress in 1887-8 and 9, Grand Matron 1891-2, and Grand Secretary 1893-5. Her place among the "fixed stars" of Iowa is settled, and she certainly deserves the popularity she has with the Order everywhere. Sister Jackson is also the authoress, it being no less than the side splitting little farce called "Female Masonry a-la Lease," which was last summer first rendered at Templar Park, and since published and sufficient copies sold to enable our respected Grand Secretary to say that she's going to ride that "pull hauler" to Boston in August.

We have personally superintended the sending of statements to all subscribers beginning with and prior to May. This is merely business sense and we trust our friends will so regard it.

We acknowledge the receipt of a courteous invitation by the hand of Sister Kate C. Brechner, to attend an Eastern Star Recital at Waterloo, on June 5. Being at Grand Lodge, we could not be there, but our late home chapter has big piece of our heart, and we want them always to know it.

An enterprise such as by the help of our many friends we have been able to carry through two full years, becomes to us a source of much pleasure. Thus far the expenses have consumed the income; but we have faith in the appreciation of our Masonic brothers and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to believe that success will continue to smile upon this Journal.

The time will come, may it not tarry, when the splendid tenets of our order will commend the devotion of our best talent to the maintenance of the highest standards of character. Unfit material permitted to enter a building will crack and seam the finest work and sometimes tear down what has taken a life time of devotion to build. Keep the ballot clear from question brethren; to stoop there means danger that no body can afford to risk.

...The FEZ...

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL,
ILLUSTRIOUS RECORDER ALEPPO TEMPLE,
IMPERIAL RECORDER N. M. S. FOR NORTH AMERICA.

THE FEZ.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1894-5.

WILLIAM B. MELISH.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wayland Trask..... Imperial Deputy Potentate
Brooklyn, N. Y.

John T. Brush..... Imperial Chief Rabban
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Cyrus W. Eaton.....Imperial Assistant Rabban
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A. B. McGaffey.....Imperial High Priest and Prophet
Denver, Colorado.

Ethelbert F. Allen..... Imperial Oriental Guide
Kansas City, Missouri.

William S. Brown..... Imperial Treasurer
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL ..... IMPERIAL RECORDER
Boston, Massachusetts.

Thomas J. Bishop .....Imperial I Ceremonial Master
Greenbush Heights, New York.

Thaddeus B. Bucher..... Imperial II Ceremonial Master
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Wm. H. S. Wright ..... Imperial Marshal
St. Paul, Minnesota.

John H. Atwood..... Imperial Captain of Guard
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Horace K. Blanchard ..... Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, Rhode Island.

Members ad Vitam:

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1895-6.

[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kansas—John H. Atwood, P. J. Freling, C. C. Goddard.

Acca, Richmond, Virginia—Louis P. Ecker.

Afifi, Tacoma, Washington—H. Allan.

Ahmed, Marquette, Michigan—John Q. Adams, Leroy M. Midlam.

Aladdin, Columbus, Ohio—John P. McCune.

Aleppo, Boston, Massachusetts—Benjamin W. Rowell James A. Fox, Thomas Waterman, Charles H. Porter.

Algeria, Helena, Montana—George H. Casey.

Alhambra, Chattanooga, Tennessee—A. N. Sloan.

Al Chymia, Memphis, Tennessee—Bun F. Price.

Al Kader, Portland, Oregon—Irving W. Pratt.

Al Koran, Cleveland, Ohio—Merwin Jackson, Horace A. Bishop, Evan Morris, Robert M. Hazeltine.

Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, California—Florin L. Jones, Franklin Jordan.

Almas, Washington. D. C.—Harrison Dingman, Geo. H. Walker, Harry Standiford, Frank H. Thomas.

Ararat, Kansas City, Missouri—Ethelbert F. Allen, William H. Brown, John H. Wiles, Arnold Shanklin.

Ballut Abyad, Albuquerque, New Mexico—Edward Medler.

Ben Hur, Austin, Texas—William H. Bell.

Boumi, Baltimore, Maryland—George W. Starr, J. B. Schwatka.

Cyprus, Albany, New York—Charles H. Armatage, Thos. J. Bishop.

Damascus, Rochester, New York—George F. Loder, William H. Whiting, Courtland Avery.

El Jebel, Denver, Colorado—Dec. 16, '94, S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Jno. Westley Geiger, vice C. W. Eaton, deceased C. Rap.; I. P., W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo. *Alternates*—1, W. S. Gardner, Clinton; 2, J. J. Smyth, Marion; 3, Matt Gaasch, Vinton; 4, A. D. Brown, Manchester.

El Katif, Spokane, Washington—Nathan B. Rundle.

El Riad, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Park Davis, W. T. Doolittle, Frank A. Brown.

El Zagal, Fargo, North Dakota—Thomas Baker, Jr., F. B. Fancher.

Hamasa, Meridian, Mississippi—O. A. Harrison.

Hella, Dallas, Texas—L. M. Knepfley, James Garrity, Joseph Swope.

India, Oklahoma, O. T.

Isis, Salina, Kansas—Charles A. Hiller, John F. Merrill, James H Reeder.

Islam, San Francisco, California—Charles L. Field, Victor D. Duboce, Brilsford P. Flint, Charles L. Patton.

Ismailia, Buffalo, New York—Charles W. Cushman Frank T. Gilbert, Geo. L. Brown, M. D., Erastus C. Knight.

Jesusalem, New Orleans, Louisiana. Richard Lambert.

Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa—Geo. F. White, I. P.; Geo. L. Osborn, Geo. M. Titus; Chas. M. Waterman.

Kismet, Brooklyn, New York—Wayland Trask, Clarence E. Stump, Frank C. Mason.

Kora, Lewiston, Maine—George D. Babbitt.

Korein, U. D., Rawlins, Wyoming.

Kosair, Louisville, Kentucky. William Ryan.

Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Joseph S. Wright, Edward B. Jordan Frederick Leibrandt, Charles Cary.

Mecca, New York, N. Y.—Saram R Ellison, Geo. W. Millar, James McGee, Joseph B. Eakins.

Medinah, Chicago, Illinois—Chester T. Drake, Robert M. Johnson, Thomas H. Currier, William Johnston.

Media, Watertown, New York—Dec. 10, Fred. W. Streeter; D. G. Eggleston.

Mohammed, Peoria, Illinois—Seth F. Haskins.

Moila, St. Joseph, Missouri—M. W. Steiner.

Moolah, St Louis—B. F. Nelson, G. W. Nieman, Otto F. Stifel.

Morocco, Jacksonville, Florida—O. Perie Havens.

Moslem, Detroit, Michigan.—Fred. Fayram, Ed. R. Harris. Lou Burt, Charles F. Beck.

Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vermont—Frank A. Dwinell, Elihu B. Taft.

Murat, Indianapolis, Indiana—John T. Brush, Jos. W. Smith, Henry H. McGaffey, Chalmers Brown.

Naja, Deadwood, South Dakota—William J. McMakin.

Oasis, U. D , Charlotte, North Carolina.

Oriental Troy, New York—Henry Stowell, Franklin O. Stiles, Oliver Dexter, Jr.

Osiris, Wheeling, West Virginia—Matthew R. Wolff, E. E. Baldwin, Rev. R. R. Swope.

Osman, Saint Paul, Minnesota—W. H. S. Wright, C. E. Stone, T W. Hugo.

Palestine, Providence, Rhode Island—George H. Burnham, Horace K. Blanchard, John S. Rogers, Geo. L. Shepley.

Pyramid, Bridgeport, Connecticut—Hugh Stirling, Thaddeus B. Beecher, Carleton E. Hoadley, Frank J. Haramore.

Rajah, Reading, Pennsylvania—J. Lew Rake.

Rameses, Toronto, Canada—Henry A. Collins.

Sahara, Pine Bluffs, Arkansas—John T. Marsh.

Salaam, Olney, Illinois—R. F. Powers.

Saladin, Grand Rapids, Michigan—Lou B. Winsor, Charles E. Fink, H. K. Dean, N. B. Clark.

Sesostris, Lincoln, Nebraska—John H. Mauritius, Melchert H. Garten, Burrows H. Begole.

Syria, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—J. M. Kerr, W. S. Brown, James Arnold and Max Holmes.

Syrian, Cincinnati, Ohio—Levi C. Goodale, Jacob H. Bromwell, Morris L. Buchwalter, Allen Andrews.

Tebala, U. D., Rockford, Illinois

Tangier, Omaha, Nebraska—H. C. Akin, G. Anderson, W. S. Strawn.

Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Eugene S Elliott, Luther L. Caufy. William H. Brazier.

Yaarab, Atlanta, Georgia—H. C. Stockdell.

Zamora, Birmingham, Alabama—Ben. M. Jacobs.

Zem Zem, Erie, Pennsylvania—Frank G. Maus.

Ziyara, Utica, New York—John W. Boyle, Edward Brown, Roderick Campbell.

Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minnesota—John A. Schelener, Roland H. Hartley, R. D. Russell.

OUR IMPERIAL RECORDER.

[BY EMINENT SIR SERANUS BOWEN].

Noble Benjamin W. Rowell is a native of Lynn, Mass., where he is still a resident, and where he received the degrees in the Chapter and Orders in the Commandery.

On the 10th day of April, 1877, Bro. Rowell was made a Master Mason in St. Paul's Lodge of South Boston, where he still retains his membership. He is a member of Sutton Royal Arch Chapter and of Olivet Commandery of Knights Templar and has served the Commandery in all the various offices, and as Eminent Commander distinguished his administration for perfect work, large attendance and enthusiasm among his officers and Sir Knights.

In the Grand Commandery, upon the death of the Grand Recorder in 1891, he was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and his efficiency in that office has resulted in his unanimous re-election at every Annual Conclave since.

Possessed of an active temperament, having rare executive ability, his genial face is familiar to a large majority of the members of the fraternity all over New England. He has always taken great interest and been especially active in the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is secretary of Boston La Fayette Lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix and Massachusetts Consistory S. P. R. S. 32. He is also secretary of Massachusetts Council of Deliberation and is an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

He is also Past Thrice Potent Grand Master of La Fayette Lodge of Perfection. He is a member of Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Massachusetts College of Rosicruciana and a Knight of Rome and Constantine, being Recorder of the Grand Conclave of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

He has been connected with Aleppo Temple and is one of its most active members and has served as Recorder since its organization and has attended as representative the Imperial Council since 1887. At the 20th Annual Session of the Imperial Council at Denver he was elected Imperial Recorder.

It is as Secretary that his peculiar talents are called in play to the best advantage. Thorough, exact, systematic, his books are models of neatness and accuracy, and the presiding officer who has such a man at the secretary's desk may count himself fortunate. He was chosen as secretary of the general committee appointed by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to have charge of the arrangements for the 26th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A. in Boston in August, 1895.

Having a rare memory for names and faces he is a general favorite among the members of the Masonic Fraternity, where his affable manner and genial disposition are highly appreciated. Robust in health and still in the prime of life the craft may reasonably expect from him a long period of active usefulness.

MORE ABOUT BOSTON.

In conversation with James Morton, Esq., the General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the B., C. R. & N. Railway, we were informed that exceptional comforts are to be secured for the FIVE cars already secured for different points along the line. The cars are the latest Pullman vestibuled sleepers, lighted with Pintsch gas, and particularly adapted for summer travel. They are upholstered in light, figured hair cloth. Arrangements will be made for those who wish to leave Iowa one day later than the official train, and except the Quebec side trip, the route is the same as

the official one; these cars will go via The Grand Trunk Railway from Chicago. The fare will be $19; with the St. Lawrence river trip $22. Sleeper fare, one double berth $7. The plan is to have this train reach Boston on Monday forenoon, August 26, or if desired more time can be taken in the White Mountain regions and arrive in the afternoon.

A fine Itinerary will be issued soon, giving diagrams of all the sleepers; those wishing information should write James Morton, Esq., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No finer train will go east over any road than this one is intended to be.

EL-KAHIR'S CARS.

The Recorder will receive applications for allotments for Nobles and their ladies for the one or more sleeping cars to go to Boston from Cedar Rapids. Those who come first will have the preference. Full notice will appear in this Journal and in the circulars to be issued early in July. Those who desire us to secure quarters for them at Nantasket during the two days of the Imperial Council, should write promptly.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

OFFICIAL COLUMN.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly; we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST OFFICE.
Thomas M. Wilson,	Des Moines, Ia.
Rollin E. Smith,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
A. N. Nicholds,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
A. A. Noyes,	Steambo't Rock, "
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
H. W. Flower,	Minneapolis, Minn
Edward N. Pickering,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Madison W. Bibbins,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Wm. L. Moore,	Iowa Falls, Iowa.
H. L. Landerbach,	Vinton, Iowa.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL TRIP.

We have received circulars giving information of the official and other routes to Boston to the Grand Encampment and the Imperial Council. Nobles desiring to have them can address us by letter or card.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

Low Rates to Boston and Return via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

On account of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor Meeting and the Knights Templar Conclave at Boston, Mass., the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., will sell excursion tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip going and returning by the same route. Circuitous route tickets will also be sold at rate of 60 per cent. of the sum of the first-class limited fares via the routes selected.

Tickets will be on sale for the Christian Endeavor meeting from July 5th to 9th, inclusive, and will be good for return until July 22d, but are subject to an extension until July 31st, 1895.

Tickets will be on sale for the Knights Templar Conclave from August 19th to 25th, inclusive, and will be good to return until September 10th, subject to an extension until September 30th, 1895.

For further information call on or address L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen'l Passenger Agent, Chicago, Illinois.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

The usual number of meetings and journeys to the Kaaba by our Temples throughout the country, makes our list quite full.

EL JEBEL.—Denver observed the feast of Sabet en Noor on May 13. We thank the Recorder for a copy of their By-Laws and Roster.

BALLUT ABYAD, Albuquerque, N. M., will play hide-and-seek among the cactus plants on June 10. This is the last session in their old temple and will be full of pathetic interest, no doubt.

RAJAH, Reading, Penn., sends us a notice for a meeting on June 12, in which a kindly notice of El-Kahir's loss is printed in mourning.

EL-JEBEL, Comes over the divide with a unique notice in brown wrapping paper. They will hold a business session June 10, and a ceremonial on the 17th.

MECCA, New York.—Mother Mecca starts the June fire flies with a session on the first for business, and on the third for ceremony. They will invade Port Jervis on 21. Let Sullivan county beware.

MONTREAL HARBOR.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

ALMAS—Washington, D. C., held high carnival on June 4. 'Tis said the very dome of the capitol resounded with Arab cries. A neat notice, but the pencil won't write.

SESOSTRES, Will please accept our regrets for being unable to attend their session on June 11. Work at home prevented, much to our disappointment. Will get there yet.

AHMED, Marquette, Mich., held a Session on June 12. All appearances point to a full time and lots of music. We want to know where the Recorder got that picture of our Imperial potentate.

ZUHRAH, Minneapolis, through the Recorder, compliments with a full-sized chromo, the *Temple Engroupe*, and their notice for may 22 and 23.

They're not like the Arabs that people the East,
Where the women are kept out of view;
For the wives of the Shriners can sit at the feast,
And their daughters can sit at it too.

MEDIA, Watertown, N. Y., follows in the style of Osmans telegram form of notice, with wordings differing to suit their requirements, for May 28th. We thank the Recorder for a copy of their Roster. We note that they have 388 nobles. The above meeting is booked for Ogdensburg, N. Y.

AL CLYMIA—Memphis, Tenn., held a meeting on May 15. Their notice was neat and tasty.

MOILA—St. Joseph, Mo., comes with a full round jewel-faced notice for May 22, to observe the feast of Sabet-en-Noor.

ACCA, Richmond, Va., observes the usual feast of Sabet-en-Noor, in memory of Albcomazar, May 23. They announce a Session for business and ceremony for June, the last before the Imperial Council.

EL KALAB, Salt Lake City, sends us notice of their meeting May 13, EN BOTTLE—the Zem Zem was gone, but we found the Royal Proclamation all right. A novel and interesting form of notice. Salaam.

SYRIAN, Cincinnati, O., gives an excursion to Coney Island [not N. Y.,] on May 29. If we may judge from the *previews* taken on the Spot, they'll have a time. Whoever run Michie onto that trap was guilty of a dirty Irish trick.

MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., had a fine time May 29. Fifty-four novices, a boat ride, banquet with the ladies present, and the usual exquisitions. Thanks to Noble Wallace for badges, program and menu. Sometime we'll be there with you.

BOUMI, Baltimore, held a meeting May 31, at the hour of seven p. m. the Boumi Owl looks wisely but rather startled, we presume at the early hour of the gathering caravan. They announce the "last chance" with no change of date for Sept. 30, 1895.

KAABA, Davenport.—By some means the notices of the Keokuk and Fort Madison meetings of Kaaba Temple were mislaid among the filed itineraries in our cabinet and overlooked. We sincerely regret it, for we would not intentionally slight our Kaaba friends and they know it. These meetings were held May 21 and 22, and all reported as highly successful.

KORA, Lewiston, Me., introduces the orgies of their meeting for May 23, a poem of six stanzas, the first of which reads:

Come ye bold and active Shriners,
Hear what your recorder has to say;
He is planning for a battle
On the twenty-third of May.

From the Imperial Recorder, we have received the Memorial notice of our lamented Illustrious Potentate, Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton. Our temple is in mourning, and will be so until after the Imperial Council. No meetings until October, when El-Kahir will go to Eldora, Sioux City and Perry.

KOSIRA, Louisville, Ky., will induct the fat man, May 29th, and "Dodo" the dog-faced boy will laugh to see the caravan go by. Daddy Ryan looks youthful and complaisant, and Fred Hardwick is practising *del sarte* as a fetching feature of the notice we received. Ko'sair Cat is seeing the elephant.

RAJAH—Reading, Pa., comes with her notice for May 29, in the Academy of Music. The Metamorphosis of the Camel is a humper, and Phil. Bissinger is headed for the White Spot, with Rajah's banner unfurled. Swei glass boovah! Later—We have copies of the local papers giving full particulars of a great time. Ra-jah!

MOOLAH, St. Louis, had one on May 31. We received a family group of Moolah at play, while waiting for those who were to be servants unto them. We doubt if a more handsome lot of gentlemen could be found in the ancient city itself than these look to be. We thank you illustrious A. Moore Berry for your courtesy.

ABDALLAH, Leavenworth, Kan., went for the Novices in bleeding Kansas, June 7. The notice contains the sage information "If any Knight Templar makes the pilgrimage to Boston without first becoming a shriner, he will not need a return ticket, for he will kick himself back home for not having become one when he had the opportunity."

Female Masonry.

(A LA LEASE)

An easy and Laughable Farce, suitable for use in

Social Entertainments

and Eastern Star Chapters and other Societies

PREPARED BY

MRS. MARIA JACKSON,

Grand Sec'y O. E. S. Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Price 50 Cents **3 Copies $1.**

LIBERAL DISCOUNT TO DEALERS.

* * * THE * * *

Masons' & Odd-Fellows' Union Aid Association,

OF MANCHESTER, IOWA.

W. H. NORRIS, Prest. M. BEEHLER, Sec'y.
A. L. BEARDSLEE, Gen'l Supt.

This Company has written over One and One-half Million Dollars of business in fifteen months.

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST!

A complete success from the start.

The Most Advantageous, Attractive, and Best Selling Policy in the Field.

WANTED Agents who can procure good business to manage districts.

For further information and prospectus, address
Masons' & Odd-Fellows' Union Aid Ass'n,
Manchester, Iowa.

H. D. CONE,

MANUFACTURING AND RETAIL

JEWELER. Society Pins, Charms and Badges to order.

No. 12 South Third Street.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

- - - THE - - -

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y

Owns and operates 7,168 miles of thoroughly equipped road in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT

It is foremost in adopting every possible appliance for the safety and comfort of passengers, including an Absolute Block System, Westinghouse Train Signals, Steam Heat, Electric Light, Vestibuled and Compartment Cars, Etc.

For further information address

GEO. H. HEAFFORD,

General Passenger Agent, CHICAGO, ILL.

Established 1840.

Parson & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Flags and Banners of all kinds, Regalia Uniforms, Jewels, Working Tools, Etc.,

For Masons, Odd Fellows and all other Societies,

Importers and Dealers in

Military and Theatrical Goods, Church and Society Laces. Publishers of Books, Charts and Blanks.

1113 OLIVE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

"This space belongs to Dwights Flour Cut."

Knights Templars and Masons Life Indemnity Company.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

GEO. M. MOULTON, President. W. H. GRAY, General Manager.

Dividends paid for the last twelve months,	$14,320.02
Losses paid since organization,	$1,664,720.29
Insurance in force January 1, 1895.	$25,432,712.00
Net cash assets January 1, 1895,	$285,473.64

All statements and insurance guaranteed. Write for one of our books to Home Office of Company, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

F. H. LORING, President. J. M. HERRON, Secretary.

Iowa Masons Benevolent Society

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Incorporated under the general laws of Iowa, March 16, 1876, has paid benefits of over $1,200,000.00.

The Oldest Masonic Insurance Company in the State,
Under the Exclusive Management of Masons.

Masons or Non-Masons, their wives and daughters who are well recommended, are eligible to membership.

Insurance at Actual Cost. No Stockholders. No Dividends. No Annual Dues.

G. K. WHITE, Oskaloosa, Iowa, General Manager. Correspondence Solicited.

Address J. M. HERRON, Sec'y, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Frank S. Armstrong & Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

The Celebrated Armstrong Uniform,

Society Goods, Flags, Banners, Badges, Etc.

Historically Correct Costumes Our Specialty.

185-187 WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO.